

the marked-up version of the amended claims are provided in the attached Appendix:

1. (Amended) A multipole electrical connector for providing a releasable coupling with a mating connector, comprising a contact set that is supported in the multipole electrical connector, the contact set including a plurality of contact elements, each contact element including a contact section and a connecting section, wherein:

each contact section is formed together with each connecting section from a single-layer stamped grid,

each contact section is arranged with each connecting section in a plane, each contact section is formed in one piece and with a fork shape, and each contact section includes a first limb and a second limb, the second limb being separated by a slit from the first limb and being disposed at least over a partial length over the first limb.

Please cancel claim 2.

3. (Amended) The connector according to claim 1, wherein:

the first limb and the second limb are disposed parallel to each other.

4. (Amended) The connector according to claim 1, further comprising:

a tie bar branching off perpendicularly from the first limb and from which the second limb emanates perpendicularly.